

To: FDA Commissioner Dockets Management Branch
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Dear FDA Commissioner,

The proposed Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations fail to require labels or safety tests on genetically engineered (GE) food. The new rules continue to deny Americans the right to know what is in our food, while protecting the economic interests of biotech corporations.

Labeling GE foods would protect the public from potential hazardous health effects such as food allergies and unknown genetic mutation. By refusing to require both labeling and mandatory pre-market safety testing of foods, the FDA puts consumer's health at risk, ignores possible (and already known) environmental hazards, and fails to satisfy the overwhelming desire of American consumers to exercise freedom of choice in the market place. FDA requires to put amount of fat on labels, but overlooks more serious potential health hazards such as GE food.

It is not enough to require that firms simply notify you of their intent to market a food produced with genetic engineering; this is not a substitute for thorough pre-market safety testing. The proposed "voluntary labeling" guidelines will do nothing to inform consumers of the presence of genetically engineered ingredients in their food, because biotech companies and food manufactures have vehemently opposed labeling in the past and will not voluntarily label their foods in the future.

Therefore, I urge you to keep all genetically engineered ingredients and crops off the market unless or until:

- 1) Independent safety testing demonstrates they have no harmful effects on human health or the environment;
- 2) They are labeled to ensure consumers right-to-know; and
- 3) The biotech corporations that produce them are held responsible for any harms they may cause.

We want our children live in safe world!

000-1598 Sincerely,

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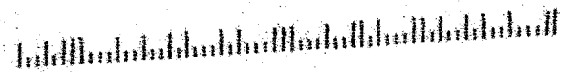
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